

IN THE CLAIMS

A list of the pending claims is presented below for the convenience of the Examiner:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for print fulfillment, comprising the steps of:
 - maintaining a print quantity in a server, the print quantity being associated with a recipient;
 - accumulating a collection of images received from an originator in the server, the collection of images being associated with the recipient; and
 - automatically implementing a printing of the images included in the collection of images when a total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of implementing the printing of the image included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises the steps of:
 - printing each of the images in the collection of images; and
 - shipping the images to the recipient.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of implementing the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises the steps of:
 - transmitting each of the images in the collection of images to a print vendor for printing; and
 - transmitting a ship address associated with the recipient to the print vendor to facilitate shipping of printed ones of the image to the recipient.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of tracking a total number of the images transmitted to the print vendor for printing.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of implementing the printing of the images included in the collection of images upon receipt of an order for immediate printing of the collection of images from the originator.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of accumulating the collection of images received from the originator in the server further comprises the steps of:

receiving a number of images from the originator;

adding each of the number of images to the collection of images; and

determining if the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity after adding each of the number of images to the collection of images.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of acknowledging a receipt of a number of images to the originator.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sending a print notification to the originator when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of obtaining a payment for the implementation of the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for print fulfillment, comprising:
a processor circuit having a processor and a memory;
an image printing system stored in the memory and executable by the processor, the image printing system further comprising:
a print quantity maintained in the memory, the print quantity being associated with a recipient;
logic that accumulates a collection of images in the memory, the images being received from an originator and the collection of images being associated with the recipient; and
logic that automatically implements a printing of the images included in the collection of images when a total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the logic that implements the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises logic that automatically interfaces with a printer to print each of the images in the collection of images for shipment to the recipient.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the logic that implements the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises:

logic that automatically transmits each of the images in the collection of images to a print vendor for printing; and

logic that transmits a shipping address associated with the recipient to the print vendor to facilitate shipping of printed ones of the image to the recipient.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, further comprising logic that tracks a total number of the images transmitted to the print vendor for printing.

14. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising logic that implements the printing of the images included in the collection of images upon receipt of an order for immediate printing of the collection of images from the originator.

15. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the logic that accumulates the collection of images in the memory further comprises:

logic that adds a number of the images received from the originator to the collection of images; and

logic that determines if the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity after adding each of the number of images to the collection of images.

16. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising logic that automatically transmits an acknowledgement of a receipt of a number of images to the originator.

17. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising logic that automatically transmits a print notification to the originator when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

18. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising logic that transmits a payment interface to the originator to obtain a payment for the implementation of the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

19. (Currently Amended) A system for print fulfillment, comprising:
means for maintaining a print quantity associated with a recipient;
means for accumulating a collection of images received from an originator, the collection of images being associated with the recipient; and
means for automatically implementing a printing of the images included in the collection of images when a total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the means for implementing the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises means for automatically interfacing with a printer to print each of the images in the collection of images for shipment to the recipient.

21. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the means for implementing the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises:

means for automatically transmitting each of the images in the collection of images to a print vendor for printing; and

means for transmitting a shipping address associated with the recipient to the print vendor to facilitate shipping of printed ones of the image to the recipient.

22. (Currently Amended) A program embodied in a computer-readable medium for print fulfillment, comprising:

code that determines a print quantity defined by a predetermined economical ship quantity;

code that maintains **[[a]]** the print quantity in a memory, the print quantity being associated with a recipient;

code that accumulates a collection of images in the memory, the images being received from an originator and the collection of images being associated with the recipient; and

code that automatically implements a printing of the images included in the collection of images when a total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity.

23. (Original) The program embodied in the computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the code that implements the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises code that automatically interfaces with a printer to print each of the images in the collection of images for shipment to the recipient.

24. (Original) The program embodied in the computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the code that implements the printing of the images included in the collection of images when the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity further comprises:

code that automatically transmits each of the images in the collection of images to a print vendor for printing; and

code that transmits a shipping address associated with the recipient to the print vendor to facilitate shipping of printed ones of the image to the recipient.

25. (Original) The program embodied in the computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the code that accumulates the collection of images in the memory further comprises:

code that adds a number of the images received from the originator to the collection of images; and

code that determines if the total number of the images included in the collection of images breaches the print quantity after adding each of the number of the images to the collection of images.